

Dear [applicant],

Thank you so much for your submitting a proposal for the Southern Cape Cod Stormwater BMP project. We were very impressed with the knowledge you had to offer and the proposed site was an excellent candidate.

On the basis of the proposal we received, we selected Barnstable (Hyannis Inner Harbor) and Chatham (Oyster Pond Furlong) to move forward with a Phase 1 site design and cost estimate. On the basis of the results of the Phase 1 design and cost estimate, we anticipate one of these two communities will be selected for BMP construction.

Our preliminary decision for selection of the Barnstable and Chatham sites was based on multiple factors, including:

- the sub-watershed nitrogen reduction target;
- the size of the catchment / sub-catchment and potential to control and treat a significant nitrogen load;
- the overall amenability of the site for application of an innovative best management practice for control of nitrogen;
- the suitability of the site for education and outreach;
- the number of technical and logistical challenges presented by the site; and
- other considerations.

We may not be able to fund more than one community for construction because our funds are limited, and also since this project has a large scope and complex design (e.g., BMP retrofit).

~~Since we haven't made any formal announcements, we ask that you do not widely share the specifics of this selection at this time.~~

In the future, we plan to pull together the interested communities on the Cape to share information and experiences. We welcome any thoughts you have as we move forward. If you have any questions or issues that you would like EPA to address, please contact Ray Cody at (617) 918-1366. We really appreciate your interest and the time the [Town of \_\_\_\_\_] put into developing this proposal. Thank you very much again.

Sincerely,

Lynne A. Hamjian  
Surface Water Branch Chief